

Remarks

A. Claims in the Case

Claims 3, 10, and 13 have been amended. Claims 11 and 20 have been cancelled. Claims 42-54 have been added. Claims 1-10, 12-19, 22-23, and 27-54 are pending.

B. Interview With The Examiner

On July 2, 2004 Applicant's representative had a telephonic interview with the Examiner. Applicant sincerely appreciates the Examiner taking the time to discuss the case. In the interview amendments to the claims to overcome non-substantial issues with the claims was discussed. Applicant submits that the amendments to the claims made in this paper are directed, in part, to the Examiner's objections.

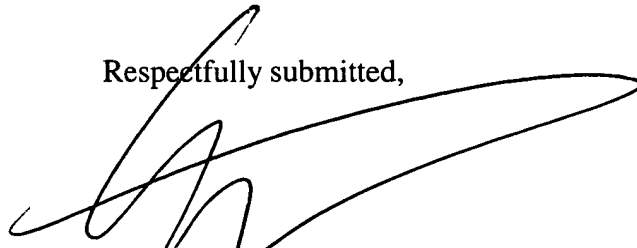
C. Newly Added Claims

Applicant submits that new claims 42-54 do not add new matter to the application. Applicant further submits that the new claims, and the amendments to the previously presented claims, do not add subject matter that would require the Examiner to conduct a new search. Furthermore, for at least the reasons cited in Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed on November 3, 2003, Applicant submits that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art.

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A Fee Authorization is enclosed for the excess claims fee. If any extension of time is required for filing of this paper, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees, or if any required fees are inadvertently omitted or have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5640-00500/EBM

Respectfully submitted,

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